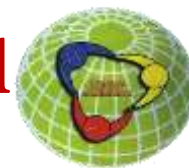




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Title:	26 students test positive for Covid-19 at residential school in Odisha's Mayurbhanj			
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As many as 26 students of Chamakpur Tribal Residential Girls' School in Thakurmunda in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district have tested positive for coronavirus, according to the district administration.

The infected students have been put under isolation on the premises of the government school and contact tracing is being carried out by authorities.

Speaking to India Today TV, Tehsildar, Karanjia sub-district magistrate Rajnikant Biswal said, "The district administration is on high alert. Doctors' team is monitoring them, medicines are being given, and ambulances are on standby. If situation worsens, we will shift the students to DHH Hospital."

He further added that the area has been declared as a containment zone and the school premises are being sanitized twice daily.

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Samples of all the students will be collected for coronavirus test as part of Covid-19 safety protocol.

The school has a total of 259 students, along with 20 staff members. Some of the students showed symptoms of cold and cough and reportedly fell ill on Thursday, following which the school authorities conducted a Covid-19 test of the ill students. Out of the tested students, 26 students' report came out positive for Covid-19.

The local authorities, including the Karanjia Sub-Collector, Thakurmunda BDO, Tehsildar, and a doctors' team have reached the school today to take stock of the situation.

This comes after 53 students of a government-aided school in Sundergarh and another 29 students of VIMSAR medical college in Sambalpur had tested positive for Covid-19 on Monday.

Following the new cases at educational institutions, the Director of the Public Health Department of the government of Odisha, Niranjan Mishra had advised school students having flu-like symptoms to refrain from attending offline classes. He also stated that school students are more vulnerable to infection compared to college students since most of the latter have been vaccinated against the virus.

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